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Hinowa ga CRUSH!

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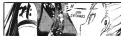






















...WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY?

SO IT'S HER NATURE.



I COULDN'T JUST ABANDON THEM, NOW COULD I?

WHY DO YOU DO SO MUCH FOR OTHERS, HINOWA ...?



MY DAD... WAS STRUCK BY DISEASE AND DIED BEFORE WE COULD GET HIM TO A GOOD DOCTOR.



...IS THAT SO...?

...AND THEN VOLUNTEERED AS A SOLDIER DURING THE OFF-SEASON. SHE DIED IN BATTLE.

IN THE HOPES OF NEVER LETTING THAT HAPPEN AGAIN, MY MOTHER WORKED HARD FISHING TO EARN MONEY...



AT FIRST I WAS IN A FISHING COLLECTIVE, BUT...

ALL BY YOURSELF?



AND NOW I GET BY ON MY OWN, THROUGH FISHING.



PEOPLE MUST NOT APPROVE OF MY INDEPENDENT ATTITUDE... BECAUSE SOMETIMES I GET HARASSED FOR IT.

SO I STRUCK OUT ON MY OWN, AND NOW I WORK ALONE.



EVEN THOUGH I'D BEEN CONTRACTED TO WORK ON COMMISSION.

...NO MATTER HOW MANY GOOD HAIRLS I BROUGHT IN, I COULDN'T GET A RAISE.

THEY SAID I OUGHT TO BE GRATEFUL. THEY EVEN LET A KID LIKE ME INTO THE COLLECTIVE IN THE FIRST PLACE.



... BECAUSE OF MY STATUS, I JUST CAN'T CATCH A BREAK.

EVEN THOUGH I KNOW I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING...

IT'S ALMOST FUNNY.



IF MY
FATHER
HAD
STATUS
AND MONEY
THEN, HE
WOULDN'T
HAVE DIED.

SO I...

...WANT
TO
BECOME
SOME-
ONE
GREAT.

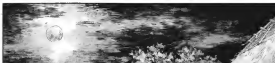
TO
PROTECT
THOSE I
CHERISH.

AND TO
PROTECT

...MY
OWN
PRIDE.



...SO YOU
WANT TO GO
TO WAR TO
DISTINGUISH
YOURSELF.





YOU'RE
GOING TO
TEACH ME
HOW TO
FIGHT WITH
A SWORD?



IT'S
EXACTLY
BY THE
BOOK.

IT'S
BEAUTI-
FUL AND
STRAIGHT
FOR-
WARD...

FROM WHAT
I SAW OF YOUR
MATCH WITH
TOMARL, YOUR
SWORDSMANSHIP
IS QUICK AND
SHARP.



DESPISE
MY INJURY,
YOU'LL
STILL
LOSE
TO ME.

BUT YOU
CAN'T
BEAT A
STRONG
OPPONENT
WITH THAT
ALONE.











TRAINING
WITH A KAME
MADE ME
REALIZE

...THAT
I FIGHT
EXACTLY
AS I WAS
TAUGHT.



IT
FEELS
LIKE
YOU'VE
GAINED
A LOT OF
EXPERI-
ENCE.



YOU'VE
GOTTEN
TOUGHER,
HINOMOTO!



NOT SO
STUBBORN
IN MY
THINKING!

I SHOULD
BE MORE
FLEXIBLE!









THE
MOMENT
SHE STOPS
ROLLING
AND STANDS
BACK UP...

NOW
!!



IT'LL
HURT
TOO
MUCH
TO ROLL
THERE.











...LIKE BASKING
IN THE SUN IN
A SPRINGTIME
READY.

BEING
HERE
WITH
HINOWA,
I FEEL
WARM...



I HOPE
YOU'LL
KEEP
TEACHING
ME ALL
YOU KNOW,
AKAME.

I'M
INDEBTED
TO YOU,
HINOWA.



MEAN-
WHILE

ART

...A COUNTRY
PREPARED TO
DEPLOY TROOPS
TO THE SOUKAI
NATION.

WAR...

...WAS
ABOUT TO
BEGIN.

TO BE CONTINUED*IN THE NEXT CHAPTER!

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